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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask whether these prisoners are allowed the privileges admissible under the rules framed by the Madras Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question. Moreover, I do not know how the question arises when they are to be treated according to the rules framed by the Bengal Government. "

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" It arises because they are here in prisons situated within the precincts of this Presidency and under the control of the Madras Government. "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice, Sir. "

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know who pays, Madras or Bengal ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have answered the question already. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Do the rules framed by the Madras Government conform to the rules framed by the Government of Bengal ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice. "

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" Clause (e) of the question relates to the privileges and there is thus notice given, Sir. "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think so. "

Land Revenue.

Assignment of darkhast lands to Brahmans.

* 1481 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why a darkhast land in Survey No. 125 has been assigned on patta to a Brahman gentleman in Athoor village, Sithayancottai, Dindigul taluk, Madura district;

(b) whether he is an ex-military man;

(c) how many acres of darkhast lands were assigned to Brahman gentlemen in various places in the Presidency during the past five years together with the survey numbers, extent of land, wet or dry, remission of tree value made, name of village, taluk and district;

(d) whether they are actually cultivating the lands;

(e) whether they are all ex-military men; and

(f) whether they were not possessing patta lands before such assignments of darkhast lands were made; and if so, how many acres in each case?

A.—The Government are not aware of the details of the case referred to in clause (a) nor are the statistics asked for in clause (c) available.

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The hon. Member seems to be under the impression that Brahmans may not apply for or be granted land on darkhast unless they are 'ex-military men'. This is not the case.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"With reference to (f), may I know if lands are assigned to those who have already been possessing patta lands of their own?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Possession of land, Sir, is no bar to further grants of land."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"I have information, Sir, from the agent in the particular village to the effect that one Kuppaswami Ayyar has been granted patta land S. No. 700 and another Brahman lady has also been granted patta land in the same village bearing No. 701."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member must come to his question. He is giving a lot of information."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"May I know why darkhast lands are being assigned to those who are already possessing patta lands and who do not actually cultivate them but lease them to another ignoring the Adi-Dravida darkhast petitioners' claims for assignment of such lands who do not possess a bit of land?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"The considerations advanced by the hon. Member who puts the question are no bar to further assignment."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether these lands are lands specially set apart for assignment to the depressed classes according to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1187, dated 5th March 1925?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I want notice."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"May I know whether any announcement has already been made in the Dindigul taluk with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1187, dated 5th March 1925?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"How does that question arise?"

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"Out of the answer given by the hon. the Revenue Member."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not know what announcement is referred to."

Public Services.

Employment of Brahmans in Government offices.

* 1482 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Brahmans that were employed in various Government offices in the Presidency after the G.Os. Nos. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, and 76, Public, dated 6th February 1924, regarding communal representation in public service were passed?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the annual returns of officers in the permanent employ of Government as on the 1st April of each year; these returns are placed on the Council table every year.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"From the statistics, I find that 1,568 Brahmans were appointed in Collectorates on a pay of Rs. 35 and below, in district